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## 03/09/2011 Minutes

### VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2011 MEETING

**In attendance:** Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Gordon Jamieson, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Charlotte Milan, David White.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

There will be a program at MIT about the nuclear tipping point, featuring a film and a panel including Henry Kissinger. It may be repeated in Lexington and Vision 2020 may be asked to co-sponsor and promote it.

- **Warrant articles:**

- The Fin Com will recommend only one of the two waterbodies articles. It says an article can't be requesting a higher amount than in the original proposal, so it approved the Con Com's article which requests the higher amount, \$20,000, with the addition of language from the Vision 2020 article asking for a report on the fund from the Town Manager.
- On the no-wake article the Selectmen recommended no action. The rowing program is already cooperating in dealing with the problems of noise and erosion.
- The Fin Com also recommended no action on the Fiscal Resources Task Group's article for an annual reserve fund of 1% of the operating budget.
- The **census survey** has had nearly 4000 replies including 811 on-line. Deadline is March 15. Lists of **sign-ups** to date have already been distributed to the task group chairs, who should lose no time contacting interested volunteers. Andrew volunteered to compile the comments.
- Suggestions are needed for a venue, preferably something connected with water, for the **Vision 2020 year-end event** in June. The water tower, a pond, or the MWRA pump station were suggested.
- **Coming events** sponsored or co-sponsored by Vision 2020:
  - Candidates' Night, Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
  - EcoFest, Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (setup starts at 8:30), Town Hall. Compost will be available (bring container). Art exhibit on second floor starts today; reception on April 1, 6-8 p.m.
  - Job Fair, Thursday, April 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Town Hall.
  - Spy Pond Trails Day, Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., path between pond and Rt. 2.
  - Installation of Res Habitat Garden, date TBA, at Res. Volunteers will be needed. Plans are on the Res website; the Con Com also wants a maintenance plan.
- Charlotte raised the question of how task groups **raise money**. Spy Pond solicited for the phragmites treatment, with contributions sent to DPW; this required state permission. Gordon suggested that each group could draw up a budget for its plans for next year and ask for CDBG money (if there is any). This

topic should be discussed further at future meetings.

- Josh presented preliminary **results from census survey** replies received to date, and the committee discussed the most effective way to present results to the Selectmen. They could be given results on paper as soon as available after the March 15 deadline and may want to discuss then on March 28 when they have PAYT on their agenda.